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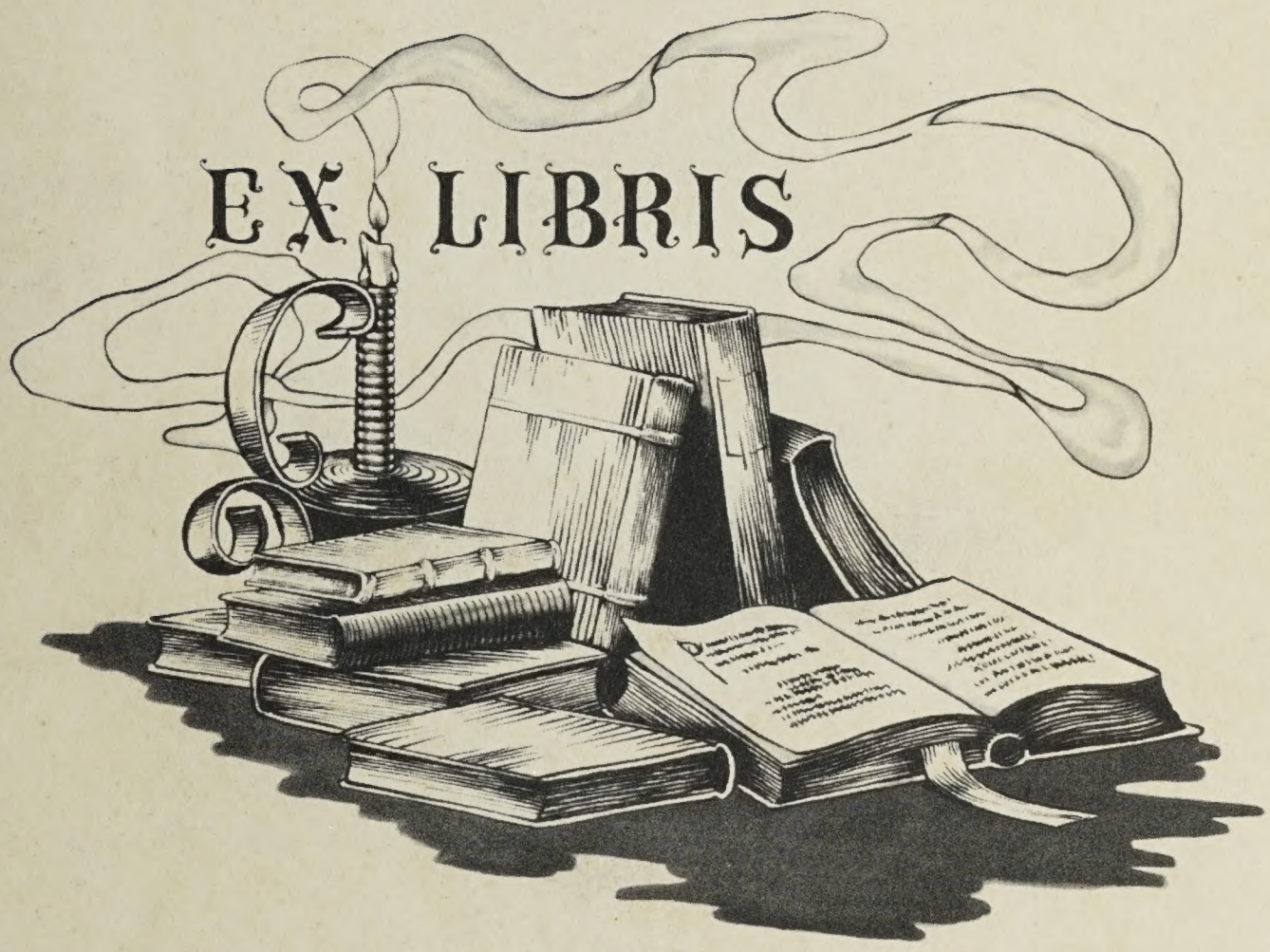

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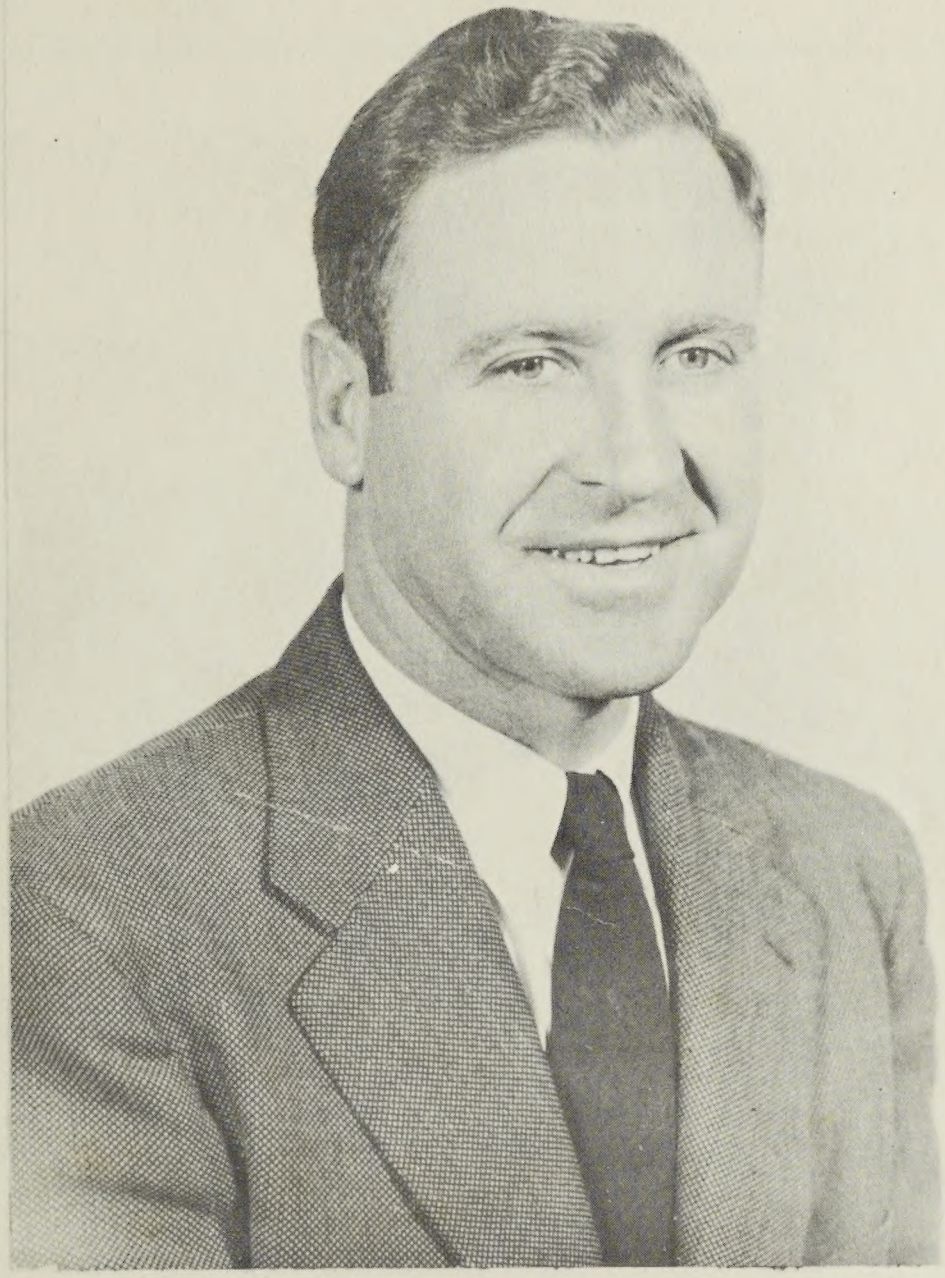
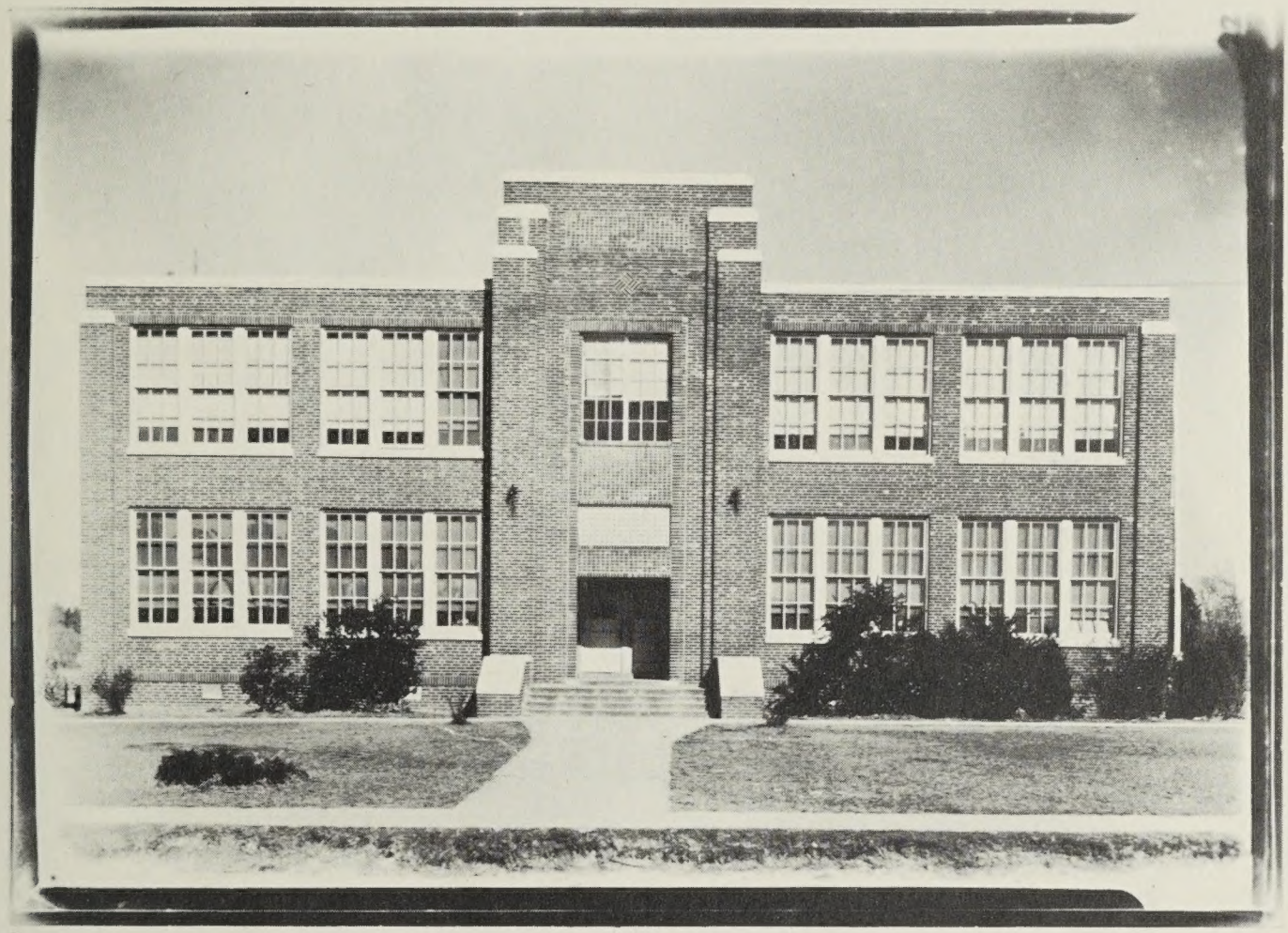


DEDICATION

Through four years of our High School life, the ideals and principles upon which our High School was founded have been preserved, strengthened and encouraged largely through one person. For the advancement of our athletic and academic life, we have looked to him for the strength and courage we needed. To these ends he has given freely of his ability and time. He has been a friend and advisor to us through the four years. His ideals and principles, we carry with us as we leave our school mindful of these thoughts. We dedicate our 1954 "Panther" to our principal and friend, Ralph Thomas Phillips Jr.

ALMA MATER



WE, THE SENIORS OF '51 PAY TRIBUTE TO THE NEVER DYING SPIRIT OF BLOXOM HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH FILLS OUR HEARTS WITH LOYALTY AND INSPIRATION.

ADMINISTRATION

Faculty

[illegible] Garage
First Grade

[illegible]
[illegible] Grade

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Grade

Stella March
Fifth Grade

Elizabeth [illegible]
[illegible]

Faculty

Minnie Gray
Seventh Grade

Verna Nelson
Eighth Grade
Verna Nelson

Betty Harris
Ninth Grade
Betty Harris

Sarah Taylor
Tenth Grade

Elise Justis
Eleventh Grade
and
Twelfth Grade

To a good student
I have enjoyed having
you in my class this
year. It is so nice to know
that there is always one who
wants the answers. May happiness
and success be yours throughout
life.

Mary E. H.
Always E. H.

Sincerely, Mrs. Morris

Sincere good wishes for a
fine student. Keep on learning
have and do your best this year.

Mrs. Nelson

SENIORS

STAFF

FRONT ROW - LEFT to RIGHT: THOMAS PHILLIPS, STELLA ANNIS, SARAH GODWIN, JEANETTE BUNDICK, ANNE THORNES, ALMA GROTON.

SECOND ROW - LEFT to RIGHT: JOHN DOUGLAS LEWIS, JOHNNIE SHAHEEN.

THE STAFF

EDITOR IN CHIEF ..... THOMAS PHILLIPS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR ..... JOHNNIE SHAHEEN
LITERARY EDITOR ..... SARAH GODWIN
ART EDITOR ..... STELLA ANNIS
BUSINESS MANAGER ..... JOHN DOUGLAS LEWIS
SPORTS EDITOR ..... ANNE THORNES
STAFF ADVISOR ..... ALMA GROTON

Seniors

Stella Annis
Class President, 5
Class Treasuer, 5
Softball Team, 3, 4, 5,
Basketball Team 4, 5,
Cheerleader 4,
4-H Club 1,
Art Editor Panther, 5

Sarah Godwin
Class Secretary 2, 5,
Class Vice President, 5,
Softball Team. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Basketball Team. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
Cheerleader 4,
4-H Club 3,
Literary Editor 5,
Panther

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

As we, the Seniors of '53 prepare to bid farewell to our Alma Mater, we pause to glance backward into the mirror of time to see reflected there, four years of life - never to be forgotten.

We began our freshman year and First year of High School with fourteen pupils. Mrs. Nelson was our home room teacher; her kindness and guidance were greatly appreciated by all of us.

The next step was to elect our class officers. They were as follows:

Alma Groton------President
Brooks Killmon--Secretary
Sarah Dix--------Treasurer

Mr. Lankford, our English teacher, left during the Christmas Holidays. This position was taken over by Mrs. Justis.

We returned the following September as Sophomores and better acquinted with the High School ways and rules.

Mrs. Taylor was our Home Room teacher. Our class now consisted of nine members. Cora Lee Wessells, one of our star pupils, decided on matrimony instead of graduation.

Our class officers for the Sophomore year were as follows:

Alma Groton------President
Sarah Godwin-----Secretary
Jeanette Bundick-Treasurer

To earn money for our future Prom, we gave two parties and sponsered Kid Smith's Orchestra.

The grand Finalee of the year was the Garden Tour. We became better acquainted with the old homes and early customs of the Eastern Shore.

We left our Sophomore year hoping to return as Juniors and were looking forward to giving our Junior-Senior Prom. Here we are back again with only six pupils and at last Juniors.

Mrs. Justis is now our Home Room teacher. At the beginning of the year we not like the idea of being in the room with the "stuffy" seniors, however they soon found out who was boss.

The first week of school, our class officers were elected, as follows:

Alma Groton--------President
Jeanette Bundick--Secretary & Treasurer

September came and we returned to P.H.S. happy, yet sad, for we realized this year would mark the ending of twelve wonderful years.

The class officers were:Stella Arnis-------President & Treasurer
Sarah Godwin-------Vice-President & Secretary

And now, as we realize that we have attended the last class,played our last basketball and softball games,given our last prom and received our last Annual,the real meaning of our school days are more appreciated than ever.With sadness we bid farewell to the place where we have worked together,played together and made friendships which will last through all the years to come. As we venture out on the highway of life,we shall not forget to look back many times toward good old Dixon High School and feel our chests swell with pride,knowing that we helped play a part in her great "Drama" "The Door that Leads to Success".

JUNIORS

SOPHOMORES

Tenth Grade

First Row: S. Taylor, R. Hopkins, S. Berry, B. Taylor, R. Taylor, E. Jester
Second Row: S. Taylor, C. Johnson, J. Thorne, P. Barnes, Third Row: D. Goldwin, B. Mason, C. Northan.

Eleventh Grade

First Row: A. Thornes, M. Parks, W. Jordan, N. Annis, Second Row: M. Taylor J. Shaheen, J. Burdick, J. Lewis, Third Row:, B. Jester, C. Berry, J. Taylor, E. Justis, D. Phillips, T. Ewell.

Junior Class History

It was only yesterday - entering into the eighth grade and having the feeling of real importance.

Twenty pupils made up our class that year with Mrs. Nelson being our home room teacher.At the beginning of our session under her helpful guidance we elected class officers:

President-------Sammy Turnipseed
Vice-President-Jean Hickman
Secretary-------Jackie Taylor
Treasure--------Bobby Jester

In the ninth grade,being freshmen now,the field of school activities such as ball,clubs,and parties became of interest to us:Mrs.Nelson was our homeroom teacher and with her help we again elected class officers:

President-------Sammy Turnipseed
Vice-President-Tommy Ewell
Secretary-------Jean Hickman
Treasurer-------Donald Phillips

Becoming Sophomores in the tenth grade,Sammy Turnipseed and Peggy Isdell left us and we gained Johnny Shaheen and Wilma Gordan.At the first of the year Mrs. Helen Thompson was our home-room teacher,but since she had to leave us Mr.Hamrick came to take her place.The election of class officers were:

President-------Alma Wessells
Vice-President-Donald Phillips
Secretary-------Jean Hickman
Treasurer-------[illegible]
Song Leader-----Ann Thorne

Many high school dreams are comming true as we are Juniors.Giving parties and carrying on other projects in order to make money for our Junior-Senior Prom have been thrilling.Mrs.Elise Justis has been our home room teacher,and her influence and teaching have helped us greatly.

Our class officers are as follows for this year:

President-------Johnny Shaheen
Vice-President-John Lewis
Secretary-------Ann Thorne
Treasurer-------Carolyn Bundick

Losing during the year Alma Wessells,Jean Hickman,Tommy Ewell,and Gay Northam leaves us a class of fifteen.

The lasting influences of our principal and teachers including our unforgetable times together this year will be our treasurers through life,and the Seniors year inspires us with much enthusiam.

[illegible] in our class and Mrs.Sarah Taylor [illegible] elected the following class officers:

President-[illegible]
Vice-President-Gloria Jean Johnson
Secretary-Barbara Taylor
Treasurer-Ruth Ann Taylor

When we entered our sophomore year we were minus Fletcher Taylor, [illegible] Collins, Peggy Hillmon, and Susan Curtis. These three girls decided on matrimony.

With fourteen in our class and Mrs.Sarah Taylor still our homeroom teacher, we elected class officers as follows:

President-Barbara Taylor
Vice-President-Bobby Mason
Secretary-Evelyn Jester
Treasurer-Ruth Ann Taylor

Two of our boys, Bobby Mason and David Godwin, were on the basket ball team. They and Carlton Northam are planning to play baseball.

We are happy to say two of our girls were on the basket ball team and will play softball.

We are extremly fortunate in having the great hunter, Robert Sherwood Mason, in our class. Bobby has killed a whole bird.

We sophomores have enjoyed parties given at school by the Juniors and Seniors and hope to give one this year.

The prom is being looked forward to by all the class and we hope that we will be able to attend.

We are also planning to go on the Garden Tour and class picnic as usual.

With the vision of the Prom we are going to give next year-we close-to work and raise more money.

FRESHMEN

Eight Grade

First Row: T. Burdick, R. Godwin, D. Bloxom, W. Sandifer, J. Taylor, E. Rayburn. P. Northan, O. Taylor, E. Johnson, Second Row: R. Ann. R. Bloxom, V. Rowey J. Bellard, R. Lankford, L. Taylor, B. Taylor, I. Annis, V. Nelson. Third Row: S. Taylor. W. Thornes, C. Cladding. W. Mason. C. Mears M. Ramsey, H. Curtis, P. Taylor.

Ninth Grade

First Row: B. Harris, P. Northan, G. Ewell, E. Annis, P. Ayres, Second Row, K. Annis, M. Burdick, B. Shaw, B. Taylor, M. Chase, D. Adkins, R. Byrd.
Third Row: J. Young, K. Dye, T. Scott, E. Thornes.

On September 3,1949 we entered high school and felt very proud of this step.We were glad to have Mrs.C.D.Nelson as our home room teacher and she helped us in many ways.During the year we enjoyed several parties and a picnic.

This year our home room teacher is Mrs.Jack Harris.At the beginning of the year we elected the following class officers:

President--------Kenneth Dye
Vice-President-Jackie Young
Secretary--------Ella Mae Annis
Treasure---------Peggy Lou Ayres

At Christmas Mrs.Harris gave us a Christmas party which we all appreciated very much.

We were real proud of having two of our girls playing on the softball and basketball teams this year and two playing baseball.

Eighth Grade History

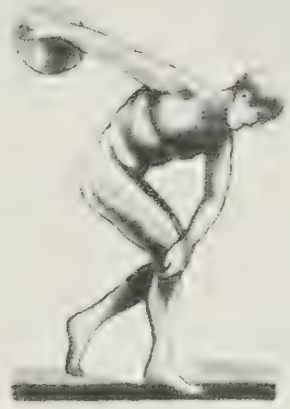
On September 7,1950,we the "Eighth Graders" made another stride toward high school with an enrollment of twenty-seven. Being active and curious teenagers we investigated as to schedule and change of teachers the first period.Our faces showed disappointment when we discovered we were minus the 10:30 recess.

A desire to achieve was satisfied early by taking the California Intelligence Tests.We were proud of the scores and class median.

President-Robert Bloxom
Vice-President-Granvoll Gladder
Secretary-Holly Ramsey
Treasurer-Betty Ann Taylor

We are interested in all class and school activities. Football is our choice in sports.We have won on several occasions.

Our choice is to work,cooperate and push forward and make 1950-51 a real stepping stone to the years in high school



ATHLETICS

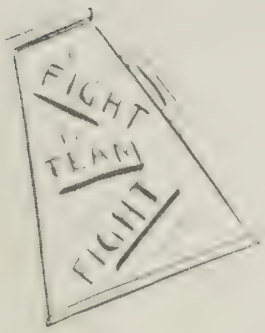
GIRLS BASKETBALL

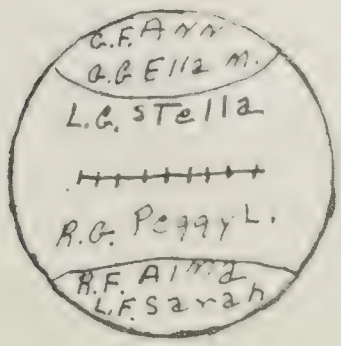
Basket Ball Team

First Row: Stella Annis, Ruth Hopkins, Sarah Godwin, Peggy L. Ayres, Alma B. Groton.

Second Row: Thomas Phillips, Shirley Berry, Ruth A. Taylor, Mary E. Parks, Wilma Jordan, Ella M. Annis.

Third Row: Evelyn Jester, Ann Thornes, Pat Barnes.





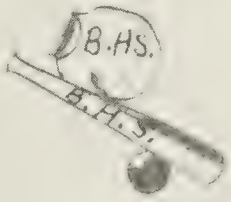
Sarah
Don

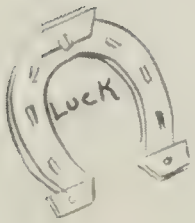
(19)
(51)

SOFTBALL

Front Row: Left to Right: Shirley Berry: Ruth Hopkins: Mary Ellen Parks: Alma Groton.
Second Row: Thomas Phillips: Sarah Goodwin: Evelyn Jester: Barbra Anne Taylor: Patricia Barns; Peggy Lou Ayres

"1951"





"At Last, We Got A Car"

BASKETBALL

BASKET BALL TEAM

FIRST ROW: THOMAS PHILLIPS; BOBBY MASON; JACKIE TAYLOR; JOHN DOUGLAS LEWIS; JAMES MASON.

SECOND ROW: BROOKS SHAW; BILLY TAYLOR; KENNETH DYE; JOHNNIE SHAHEEN; DAVID GODWIN.

Champions of "51"

BASEBALL TEAM

First Row: Robert Bloxom, Bobby Mason, Jack Taylor, John Lewis, Melvin Taylor, Ralph Godwin. Second Row: Tommy R. Phillips, Billy Taylor, Carlton Northam, Kenneth Dye, Jack Young, Johny Shaheen, Gene Mears.

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"John & the legs"

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In a little coop
just built for two
two lips of gold
have met for
the dam thing upset
Peggy Tyler

When you get married
and Bar has twins
don't run to me
for Safety Pins
Betty Anne

yours till the ocean.
Wears jiffie pants.
to keep its bottom dry.

Irene

When I stay with you
you wash the dishes
And when I leave
you can do the Dishes
But just the Some
I will leave you my
wishes

Irene
Johnson

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Ah how you hate
onions on your plate
Before your first date (With Barbara)
Good Luck &
Best wishes Always
Winston Mason

He is leaving our poor school this year
The reason why you all should know
How they bring those buses in
Full of pretty dames all sizes and shapes
And O. h. Boy, how he is
About those Beauties - - - - (Including Barbara)
Gerald Taylor

Standing on the doorsteps
two lips were tightly pressed = Robert Blossom
Her father gave a whistle
The bulldog did the Rest
Ralph Godwin

★ NOTICE
you may fall
from the housetop
you may fall from above
but the greatest fall upon
ever had was when you
fell in love with Barbara.
Good luck
June

LOVE
Barbara A. Taylor

I love you little
I love you big
I love you like
a little pig.
God Bless You
Molly Ramsey

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Good luck,
And the best,
of wishes to,
You.

Roses are Red and
Vi letsare Blue I
saw a pig look
Just like you.
Ralph Rodwin

He is going to college,
He has been to school,
When it come to loving,
He is an educated fool. (so far as I know)

Henrietta Whitt
Helen G. Curtis

Oliver Crip Taylor

Tommy Bundick

Weston Sandifer A. Einstein
Ernest Rayburn

First come love then come marige
Then comes Barbara with the baby carriage
Danny B.

Tommy Young
Joe Bernard
He loves Barbara little and he
loves her big he loves her like
a little pig.
Vaughn Rowley

Oh Lord look down on us poor scholars
~~ss~~ hired a fool to teach the school and
pay her 40 dollars.

Joe Bernard

Just remember what happens to little boys who ~~mess~~ mess with big boys.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
You got Barbara
And I got jipped

Lots of luck
Bobby

Am glad we were together in Bugology", although you did listen in on Barbara's talks with me. At first I thought you just wanted to listen, but now I know!

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
When you get Bar
Have more than two!

Pat Barnes

Best wishes throughout the years and may all your dreams come true.
Evelyn Jester

Hi "Roshie"
When you go to Sork Union, don't forget B.H.S. Lots of luck! Barbara Taylor

Way down South
in the Land of
Cotton My Feet
Stink + yours are
rotten

Dave